



CHURCH NEWS

FROM FAR AND NEAR

her companion in this mission field, Miss Gile, worked a couple of months in this city, where they both made many friends, whose love and esteem they will take to their homes in the west.

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Hundreds Gather to Listen to the Gospel Message.

Elder Alonzo N. Leonard sends this report, dated Victor, Colo., Oct. 3.

After a spiritual feast in conference at Denver the Elders have all received their appointments and gone to their various fields of labor.

THE WORK IN DENMARK.

Clergymen Indirectly Assist the Elders in Their Work.

Elder Anthon F. Andressen writes as follows from Nykjobing, Faister, Denmark, Sept. 19:

Elder David W. Thompson and I have been laboring in the Lolland Faister branch of the Copenhagen conference since May last. During the last week there has been quite a stir, because the priests have commenced to preach "Mormonism" the 11th, we learned that a priest was going to give a lecture in their assembly hall on "Mormonism." This lecture contained the same old errors that have so often been proved to be untrue.

After he was through another priest stated that if any one had anything to say they would be permitted to do so. I arose and called to the front. I commenced by saying we have heard a great deal about "Mormonism" tonight but none of it is true. I was then asked to tell something about "Mormonism." I said I would be glad to do so. I commenced on the first principles of the Gospel but when I came to the laying on of hands for the receiving of the Holy Ghost I was stopped and told that that was not what they wanted to hear. They wanted to hear something about Joseph Smith. I told the priest I would soon come to that, but he thought it would take too long at that rate, and I did not get a chance to say any more.

The following Friday we went to the priests and asked if we could get their hall to hold a meeting in to make a reply to what had been said. We obtained the hall. I was to speak an hour or more without being interrupted and no debate was to follow. The time was set for Wednesday evening, the 17th. We wrote to President Christensen and explained the matter to him. Elder Jensen was then sent to assist us.

We arrived at the hall a little before 8 o'clock and a crowd had commenced gathering, and at 8 o'clock an assembly of about 250 people were present. I gave Elder Andrew Jensen my time. He told the people the dear story of "Mormonism" touching upon "Church History," the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and Brigham Young, explaining in brief the condition of the Danish people who had joined the Church and gone to Utah. He also spoke of the Book of Mormon and Scouting Manuscript, and explained in as brief a way as possible the points which had been touched upon by the priest. He closed by thanking those present for their attention. A couple of questions were given him in regard to the personality and plurality of God, which he answered.

LETTERS APPRECIATED.

Saints Desire to Hear From Returned Missionaries.

Elder H. P. Dotson writes from Ackerman, Miss., Oct. 2:

We are few in number here now. Many of our united and happy band have left us. Some have gone back to the sectarian world; some to Texas, where their kindred and other relatives live; and others of our own kindred, to Idaho. The Elders now consist of a few who remain as a shepherd. But we know we have a great Shepherd above who watches over us by day and by night. Once in a while, he often after a long silence, comes to visit us. He is thoughtful enough to drop us a line. These are truly refreshing. They are like the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The strong emotions of my soul go out to them and to our children and grandchildren who are far away.

I often think that the world has never seen, since man was placed upon it, the amount of self-sacrifice that is endured by the Elders who are sent out to every civilized part of the earth. The stone that Daniel saw cut out of the mountain without hand is rolling, and will continue to roll.

MAORI CONFERENCE.

A Successful Gathering at Te Hauko New Zealand.

The subjoined report is dated Te Hauko, Hawke Bay, N. Z., Aug. 25, and is signed by Elders Walter Roberts and Constant Thueson.

One of the best and most largely attended conferences of the Maori people was held at this place on the 23rd and 24th of this month. There were two of three features, aside from the love of the Gospel, which tended to make this conference the most interesting gathering. One was that Elder Magleby was paying his last visit before returning home. He has been released, and Elder Charles Bartlett, of Vernal, Utah, is the chosen successor.

Elder Magleby delivered three sessions during the conference. He is a member of the Maori language.

Another feature was the presence of our new president, Charles Bartlett, now fulfilling his second mission in this land.

Another attraction was that of sister Emma Wright of Millard county, Utah, who with her husband has been called to the ministry. Sister Wright was chosen as president of the Relief societies in all New Zealand, with Sister Takare Duncan (native) as first counselor. They were set apart and held a meeting with the sisters. Elder Magleby and a number of the sisters spoke.

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Elder Wright will labor among the Europeans.

Elder Walter Roberts was sustained as conference president over the Hawks Bay and Manawatu districts, the latter being annexed to the Hawks Bay district by vote of the Saints of both districts. Elder Charles Waskely and Constant Thueson were chosen as his assistants. There were also an assistant, Elder Geo. Hishop of Wanganui conference, a Maori Elder from Ngapuhi being set apart as traveling Elder and assigned to labor with Elder Hishop. A miracle was also performed at this conference. Sister Wright was taken suddenly ill while the Elders were at a Priesthood meeting Saturday night. When we returned she was almost speechless. The Elders laid hands upon her and she had a good night's rest and was able to attend meetings next day. In the evening she was attacked as on the night previous. Elder Magleby called the Elders together and asked them to exercise faith. Brother Bartlett anxiously her and Brother Magleby sealed the anointing. He rebuked the disease in the name of Jesus Christ, and the patient arose, a well woman. We distribute the Deseret News among our European friends.

CHANGE OF HEADQUARTERS.

Office of the South West Virginia Conference Moved to Huntington.

Elder R. J. Williams, writing from Charleston, Oct. 2, says in part:

The rural districts of the South West Virginia Conference have been pretty thoroughly worked by our Elders, and our future labors will be chiefly confined to cities. This place has been canvassed several times with our literature, and considerable street preaching has been done.

Now that we are officially prohibited from holding street services, it is thought advisable to move conference headquarters to the city of Huntington, where conditions seem to be more inviting.

I rejoice in a testimony of this great latter-day work. The little stone severed from the mountain without hands is making rapid progress of filling the earth.

The "News" is a faithful missionary. Till further notice address: Huntington, 812 Third avenue, W. Va.

In the European Mission.

[Millennial Star, Sept. 25.]

Arrivals—The following Elders arrived in Liverpool, Thursday, Sept. 18, 1902, per s.s. Commonwealth: John W. Saunders, Salt Lake City; Samuel Bennett, Holden, For Scandinavia—Waldemar Jensen, Goshen, For Switzerland—Joseph Wittwer, Salt Lake City.

Appointments—The Elders for Great Britain who arrived Sept. 18, 1902, have been appointed to labor as follows: Samuel Bennett, Norwich; John W. Saunders, Manchester conference.

Baptism Under Difficulties.

Elders H. G. Davis and Jos. S. Wright, writers from Alnwick in the Louisiana conference, Oct. 2, say in part:

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard, although the work of the adversary can be seen on every hand. A short time ago we were going to baptize some applicants for baptism. When we came to the pool of water, which had been prepared for the purpose, we found that the pool had been filled up with trees and brush. We cleaned it out, but then we were forbidden to use the water. Shots were brought upon the scene. Then we went to another place, and performed the sacred ordinance.

We look forward to the coming of the "News" also the "Era" and I can say that they are the means of doing much good out here among this people.

East Arkansas Conference.

Elder Joseph Palmer and Ernest Madden report as follows from Michigan Valley, Sept. 23:

Our conference was held in the Cook school house, Osage county, Sept. 12, 13 and 14. We had with us a mission president, Elder James G. Duffin, the two sister missionaries, Amelia B. Carling and Sarah M. Giles; also Elders J. A. Ellison, Anthony Paxton and J. C. Hogan, from Kansas City, and their visit was appreciated by all.

Friday, Sept. 12, was devoted entirely to Priesthood meetings. Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th, five meetings were held each day, four of which were Priesthood and six conference meetings.

There were in attendance besides our visitors from Kansas City, the 14 Elders of this conference, some few Saints and many investigators and friends.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this, the Sunflower state, and the future looks bright for this conference.

Elder Thos. E. Robinson, of Kanab, was honorably released to return home after a 25-month's mission.

Monday morning the Elders were assigned their fields of labor.

The "News" and Era are great missionaries, they assist us in the establishment of truth.

Conference Notice.

Elder O. S. M. Richards, writing from Allegheny, Pa., Oct. 2, says the West Pennsylvania conference will be held in Allegheny, just north of the postoffice, in the G. A. R. hall, beginning Sunday morning 1 o'clock, October 19, 1902. We are doing all we can to secure the largest attendance and have the best time we have ever had. All are most kindly invited.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Wilford C. Nuttall of Provo returned July 2 from a mission in Germany to which he was assigned July 21, 1899. His field of labor was in the Dresden, Berlin and Koenigsberg provinces where he met with excellent success and enjoyed a very pleasant missionary experience.

Elder James P. Fugal of Pleasant Grove, Utah county, who was set apart March 23, 1899, for the Scandinavian mission, returned Sept. 24, in good health and spirits, having greatly enjoyed his labors. He operated with gratifying success in the Bergen conference.

Elder Robert Fletcher of Rock Springs, Wyoming, was set apart Aug. 31, 1900, for a mission to the Northern States and returned Sept. 25. He labored in St. Louis, Mo., for five months, when he was transferred to Chicago. He reports the work in excellent condition, with very promising prospects.

Elder Thomas E. Robinson of Kanab, Kane county, returned Sept. 23 from a mission in the Southwestern states, to which he was set apart Aug. 22, 1900. He labored in the East Kansas conference where the work is in a very

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

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2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: First, faith in the Lord; Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy," and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the gospel and to administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also be-

lieve the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes, that Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to ALL MEN; indeed we may say that we "believe all things, we hope all things," we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.—Joseph Smith.

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fair condition. Many friends are being made and prejudice is fast breaking down.

Sister Aurelia B. Carling of Orderville, Kane county, who was set apart Oct. 1901, for a mission to the Southwestern States, arrived in Salt Lake Oct. 2, on her return, staying over conference before returning home. She labored in Kansas City the greater part of the time, one month was spent in St. Johns and one month at a branch of the Church at Jay in east Kansas. She reports having enjoyed her mission very much, being received very kindly by the people. The first five months she was in the mission field alone, after that she had a companion, Sister Sarah Giles of Provo, who is now in Kansas City, the headquarters of the mission. The work is in a flourishing condition in the fields which she labored, many friends and investigators being raised up.

Elder Crozier Kimball of Bedford, Utah county, who was set apart Oct. 18, 1901, for a mission to the Southern States, arrived in this city on his return Oct. 3. He labored in the Kentucky conference, meeting with excellent success; that conference, he thinks, is now enjoying greater prosperity than ever before. He found the people of the south very hospitable, and greatly enjoyed his labors among them. On his way home Elder Kimball and his companion visited the St. Louis fair grounds, and Independence, Jackson county.

Elder William H. Wilson of Hoytsville, Summit county, arrived in this city Oct. 3 on his return from a mission in the Northern states for which he was set apart Sept. 5, 1900. He labored for one year in St. Louis, Mo., and afterwards in east St. Louis, Mo., southern Illinois, making many friends and some converts. Prejudice is fast breaking down and the work of the Lord in these fields is in a prosperous condition. Through his ability to sing and to play the organ Elder Wilson frequently had access to outside churches, singing and playing at their services and having other opportunities to present the truth before them.

Elder Ira E. Noble of Smithfield, Cache county, who was set apart Nov. 21, 1900, for a mission to the Southern States, returned Oct. 3. He labored in the Mississippi conference for 15 months, as general superintendent of the Sunday schools, and the remainder of the time he presided over the Kentucky conference. The Gospel work in these fields is making excellent progress, the Elders being received very kindly as a rule.

Elder Franklin Crow, of this city, returned Oct. 3 from a mission in the Southern and Middle states, to which he was assigned Oct. 17, 1900. He labored in the Kentucky conference with gratifying success, making many friends and a few converts. His work reports, as fairly prosperous, though indifference to religion is a growing characteristic of the people.

Elder Samuel A. Smith, of Lehi, Utah county, returned Oct. 4 from the Southern States mission, to which he was sent Dec. 19, 1900. He labored in the Chattanooga and Mississippi conferences, with fair success, being well treated everywhere and he made many friends. There is growing greater indifference to religious matters among the people, though Elder Smith assisted in nine baptisms.

Elder Robert J. Jones of South Weber, Davis county, returned Oct. 4 from the Colorado mission, to which he was assigned Sept. 5, 1900. He labored in the Colorado conference with fair success, making many friends and a few converts. For the past four months and over Elder Jones was the superintendent of the Sunday school in Denver.

Elder Charles E. Criddle, of Basalt, Idaho, who was set apart July 13, 1900 for a mission to the Northern states, returned home Oct. 4. His field of labor was in Nebraska for 22 months, and the remainder of the time in the east Colorado conference.

Elder Edward Day, of Bountiful, Davis county, returned Oct. 4 from the Colorado mission, to which he was set apart Jan. 12, 1900. He labored in the West Colorado, Arizona and East Colorado conferences with fair success and much satisfaction to himself. He presided over the Arizona conference for nine months. The work in this mission is in excellent condition.

Elder Gerrard B. Denkers of Ogden, Utah county, returned Oct. 4 from the Netherlands mission, for which he was set apart Jan. 13, 1899. He labored for nine months in the city of Arnhem, then for 12 months in Amsterdam, Holland. The mission, he says, is in a flourishing condition. There is great need of more missionaries; those of experience and who can speak the language are much needed. Several new branches have recently been opened and the prospects are very encouraging.

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